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# DRIVE ON PETROGRAD HALTED BY ROUT OF GERMAN FLEET, WHICH LOST 11 SHIPS

## BRITISH STEAMER SHELLLED FOUR HOURS IN CHASE BY GERMAN U-BOAT, THEN SUNK

Captain and Other Officers of the Diomed Killed Trying to Escape.

RAIDERS IN DISGUISE.

Two Submarines Had Dummy Funnels—Anc her Steamship Seen Sinking.

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 23.—The steamship Diomed, owned by the Blue Funnel Line of the Ocean Steamship Company of Liverpool, has been sunk by a German submarine. Her captain, quartermaster and steward were killed by shells fired by the submarine during a pursuit of four hours.

An officer of the Diomed, who landed here to-day with other survivors, says that two submarines were sighted. According to his report, they were rigged with dummy funnels. One of them, this officer asserts, subjected the Diomed to a heavy shell fire.

The liner attempted to escape, but surrendered after being pursued for four hours. Two boats were lowered and forty-nine members of the crew got away, taking with them the body of the captain.

Shortly afterward one boat was swamped. Two Englishmen and five Chinese were drowned. The others were picked up by the second boat. This boat, being overcrowded, was in danger of being swamped, but its occupants were saved by the arrival of a steamship.

Survivors say that during the pursuit the Chinese crewmen of the Diomed refused to continue working, and the work was undertaken by deckhands. The submarine stood off at a distance of about half a mile until the Diomed sunk.

The assistant quartermaster of the Diomed states that another steamer was in sight at the time and apparently was sinking. This vessel, in his opinion, was attacked by a second submarine.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The three-masted British schooner Martha Edmonds has been sunk by a German submarine, it was announced to-day. Her crew has been landed.

The Martha Edmonds was one of the oldest schooners in service, being built in 1873. She had a tonnage of 185. The steamship Diomed was a freighter of 4,673 tons gross. She was 215 feet long and was built in 1885. She was last reported as having arrived at Swansea on July 24 from Amsterdam, on a voyage to New York.

**WILSON WILL NOT GO TO SUMMER HOME**

Too Many Cabinet Members Away to Hold a Meeting To-morrow.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—President Wilson has given up for the present his plans to return to his summer home at Cornish, N. H., and will remain in Washington. He had hoped to go to Cornish late this week. The President does not expect to hold the usual Cabinet meeting to-morrow. All but three of the members are out of the city. A meeting will be held as soon as conclusive evidence about the sinking of the Arabic is received.

## PRESIDENT AWAITS ALL FACTS BEFORE ACTION ON ARABIC

"Our Course Will Then Be Determined," Declares Secretary Tumulty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Official announcement was made at the White House to-day that "as soon as all the facts regarding the Arabic are ascertained our course of action will be determined."

The official announcement was given out by Secretary Tumulty after a conference with President Wilson. Mr. Tumulty said the statement was all he was authorized to say. The statement bore out previous unofficial statements made at the White House and State Department that President Wilson had not determined what action the American Government would take and would suspend judgment while awaiting receipt of all facts available from all sources.

Several important dispatches had been received from Ambassador Page, London, concerning the Arabic incident was announced at the State Department to-day. They were not for immediate publication, it was stated. Secretary Lansing to-day cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin asking if the German Government had received an official report on the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic. The Ambassador, however, was not instructed to ask for one. It was officially stated that the American Government is not yet at all sure of the facts and considers its information very fragmentary.

Secretary Lansing said the situation was exactly as it stood Saturday, that no steps had been taken other than to get accurate information as to what had taken place.

From the fact that Ambassador Gerard was not directed to seek an explanation, the inference was drawn that the State Department has decided to let the German Government initiate any explanation it may have to offer. Ambassador Page at London had sent by mail some affidavits and other data, but has been instructed to cable a synopsis of the material.

**EMBASSY TO GET STATEMENTS FROM SURVIVORS.**

The department accounts for the apparent delay in securing affidavits by the fact that the Arabic survivors left Queenstown almost immediately upon landing. The American Embassy will be expected to find survivors and secure their statements, which may be slow work.

It is possible that the plan of President Wilson for dealing with the Arabic situation may be made public to-day. Inside circles have information that the White House will not delay in the matter of the sacrifice of American lives on the Arabic. Action is anticipated at any minute, although every precaution will be taken to procure a full and unprejudiced report of the sinking of the vessel.

Those who are authority for this statement even outline the details of

## BIG BRITISH FLEET BOMBARDS TOWNS ON BELGIAN COAST

Germans Reply With Coast Defense Guns—Fires at Zeebrugge.

FLUSHING, Holland, Aug. 23. (via London).—Several British warships appeared to-day off Knocke, Belgium, and bombarded the coast. A despatch says that shells burst over a factory between Zeebrugge and Lissewege. The Germans replied with their coast defense guns, but their fire finally ceased. Heavy clouds of smoke appeared over Zeebrugge, but no fires were visible. Two large British warships were still off Knocke at 9 o'clock this morning.

To-day's German official statement says that a hostile fleet of about forty ships appeared before Zeebrugge and subsequently steamed away to the northwest, which would take them in the direction of England. This is the first report of any naval movements of consequence in the North Sea for a considerable period. The last important naval action in these waters occurred on Jan. 24, when the German cruiser Bluecher was sunk.

## MEXICANS AGAIN FIGHT AMERICANS ON BORDER

Fire on U. S. Troops in Arizona and Clash With Texas Posse—Several Bandits Reported Dead.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 23.—Troopers of the Tenth Cavalry, doing border patrol near Lochiel, Ariz., were fired upon yesterday and returned the fire, which is supposed to have come from renegade Mexicans professing allegiance to Carranza. There were no casualties. The Mexican commander sent an apology.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Aug. 23.—A Sheriff's posse and Mexican bandits were to-day reported to have fought in Hidalgo County, west of here. It was said several Mexicans were killed, but this report lacked confirmation.

The Mexicans were believed to be the band of Carranza deserters who, according to reports from Carranza military authorities in Matamoros, last week crossed into Hidalgo County.

## COURT CENSURES BOARD; MUST AWARD CONTRACT

Declares Estimate Body Acts in Unbusiness-like Manner About Subways.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment must approve the contract for the construction of the Times Square section of the Broadway subway. This is the decision of Supreme Court Justice Shearn, handed down to-day, upon the application of Holbrook, Cabot & Hollins, lowest bidders for the contract, who sought a writ of mandamus. Commenting on the course pursued by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Court declares: "The course pursued in respect to this contract is, to say the least, most unbusinesslike. If it were to prevail no bidder for city work would ever know where he stood. There must be some reasonable certainty in these large matters and in the end the city would be a heavy loser by having the Court approve such methods as are hereby disclosed where an attempt was made to coerce the contractor into accepting a materially different contract."

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## OSSOWETZ FORTRESS FALLS TO VON HINDENBURG'S ARMY

Has Been Under Intermittent Bombardment Since Last Winter—Germans Now Hold All Railroads Feeding Petrograd-Warsaw Line.

BERLIN (via wireless to London) Aug. 23.—The Russian fortress city of Ossowetz has been captured by the Germans, it was officially announced this afternoon.

The capture of Ossowetz, which has been under intermittent bombardment by the Germans since last winter, gives Von Hindenburg possession of the last of the Polish railways feeding the Petrograd-Warsaw trunk line. Ossowetz lies 110 miles northeast of Warsaw. The swamps before the fortress hindered the movement of heavy siege guns for the German attack and enabled the Russians to resist after Lomza, Ostrolenka, Przasnysz and other fortresses of the Russian first line of defense had fallen.

Gen. Von Gallwitz's drive eastward through Bielsk and Von Hindenburg's progress in a southeasterly direction from Kovno threatened the envelopment of the Russians in the Ossowetz district.

The official statement follows: "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: The troops of Gen. von Eichorn are making further progress east of Kovno. On the Hober we occupied Ossowetz fortress, which was evacuated by the Russians."

"North and South of Tykocin successful engagements took place. Tykocin was taken. On this occasion 1,200 prisoners, including 11 officers and 77 machine guns fell into our hands."

Desperate Russian counter attacks east of Bielsk failed with very considerable losses to the enemy and advanced south of this town.

"Army group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: Engaged in stubborn fighting, this army group has crossed the Kleszko-Lomza line and is engaged in further favorable attacks. We took 3,000 prisoners and fifteen machine guns were captured."

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The crossings over a tributary of the Pulva have been captured after fierce resistance on the front between Ruzna and the mouth of the river. An attack across the Bug above the tributary of the Pulva is making progress."

"Before Brest-Litovsk the situation remains unchanged. On both sides of Svitjaze and at Piszczka, east of Vlodava, the enemy was defeated yesterday and driven back toward the northeast."

PETROGRAD, Aug. 23.—More than 2,500,000 Austro-Germans are being hurled against the Russian lines from Riga to Galicia in an attempt to crush the Grand Duke's armies.

A semi-official statement to-day estimated that 120 divisions of infantry and twenty divisions of cavalry are operating against the Russians. This includes about 40 per cent. of all the German forces and 70 per cent. of the strength of Austria.

Korfage, Favorite, After Winning First Race, Bid Up From \$700 to \$1,150.

SARATOGA RACE TRACK, Aug. 23.—Although the day was clear the track was heavy when the field went to post in the opening scramble this afternoon. As a result the programme was scratched to pieces, making new handicaps necessary in almost every event. The crowd was up to the standard in size, having come out expecting to see a good day's sport.

**FIRST RACE.** For three-year-olds and upward, selling, pure blood, five and a half furlongs. Post 2. Off 2.34. Time 1:09.4. Start good. Won clearly: Korfage, 100 lb. (H. Jones). Placed: L. J. (H. Jones). Lost: L. J. (H. Jones). Also ran: Alton, Mamie K., Hattie. Stables: Barron, Gainesborough, Seneca, Liberator, Malabar, Eleanora, St. Leonards.

After seven were withdrawn from the first race Korfage was made the favorite. He won, of course, but not by any big margin. He was only a length in front of Devil Fish, passing the judges after having led all the way. Heavily James was a good third and the others were strung out. Korfage was bid up from \$700 to \$1,150 by Emil Herz, owner of Devil Fish, but was retained by the owner.

**SECOND RACE.** Stables: Barron, Gainesborough, Seneca, Liberator, Malabar, Eleanora, St. Leonards.

## SWEARS ACTRESS KNEW BANKER CUNEO HAD WIFE

Man Who Introduced Miss De Von to Financier Tells of Meeting.

"Isn't it strange that every nice man I meet is married?"

This was the first remark Yvette De Von made when she was introduced to Andrew Cunéo, the Italian banker, according to Eugene Cassaza, the man who introduced them, and who was testifying this afternoon before Magistrate Corrigan in the Centre Street Court in Miss De Von's perjury hearing.

In the complaint in her \$50,000 breach of promise suit Miss De Von asserted that she did not know Cunéo was married and that she took his proposal in good faith. On this statement the banker charged her with perjury.

Cassaza, who is an insurance broker, of No. 1600 Avenue T, Brooklyn, testified that he met the defendant in November, 1910, at a French Students' Ball at the Terrace Garden and became a companion of hers. Cunéo, seeing them at dinner at the Astor Hotel, and becoming infatuated with her, asked him for an introduction, which was brought about in the Wall Street Subway Station a short time later. He said he told the young woman all about Cunéo, mentioning among other things that he was the husband of Mrs. Cunéo, the well known automobile racer.

Miss De Von said she had heard of Mrs. Cunéo, testified the witness, and was anxious to meet the banker. "Where did you and Miss De Von go after that introduction?" asked John Reilly, counsel for Miss De Von, "To the Broadway Theatre, in Brooklyn."

"What play did you see?" "A Fool There Was," replied Cassaza, to the audible delight of the spectators.

ITALIAN TROOPS SAIL TO FIGHT THE TURKS

Transports, Convoyed by Warships, Leave Ports, Probably for the Dardanelles.

ROME, Aug. 23.—Several transporta laden with troops and escorted by warships have departed from Naples, Syracuse, Taranto and Brindisi for an unknown destination.

They sailed under sealed orders. It is generally believed they are to be employed for operations against Turkey.

**SARATOGA ENTRIES.**

**RACE TRACK, Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 23.**—The entries for to-morrow's races are as follows:

**FIRST RACE.** For three-year-olds and upward, six furlongs. Post 2. Off 2.34. Time 1:09.4. Start good. Won clearly: Korfage, 100 lb. (H. Jones). Placed: L. J. (H. Jones). Lost: L. J. (H. Jones). Also ran: Alton, Mamie K., Hattie. Stables: Barron, Gainesborough, Seneca, Liberator, Malabar, Eleanora, St. Leonards.

## BIG CRUISER MOLTKE SUNK BY BRITISH SUBMARINE IN BATTLE IN GULF OF RIGA

Besides the Moltke, Kaiser Loses Two Cruisers and Eight Torpedo Boats—Russians Lose One Gunboat, Which Goes Down Fighting.

## 8,000 GERMANS WIPED OUT IN THEIR EFFORT TO LAND

LONDON, Aug. 23.—An official Russian communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga was forwarded from Petrograd to-day by the correspondent of the Central News. It gives the German losses as one dreadnought, two cruisers and eight torpedo boats. The statement follows:

"In the Gulf of Riga, between Aug. 16 and 19, the Russian fleet sank or damaged no fewer than two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats. At the same time a British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnoughts."

"The Russian gunboat Sivutch was sunk in a brilliant fight in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat while she herself was in flames and sinking."

## HUSBAND MUST SUPPORT CHILDREN AFTER DIVORCE

Supreme Court Decision Will Mean a Lot of Trouble for Certain Married Men.

A decision which means a lot of trouble for certain married men was handed down by Supreme Court Justice Delehanty this afternoon in the case of Dalton vs. Dalton. The Court held that a man was responsible for the support of his family even though the wife deserted him.

Philip Dalton, whose original name was Philip Krawatsky, was deserted by his wife nine years ago because of alleged cruel treatment. She took her two children with her. Dalton went to Pennsylvania and secured a divorce. Returning to this city, he met an actress named Nan Russell and married her.

Learning this Mrs. Dalton began two actions, one for absolute divorce and the other to recover \$14,900, which she spent in caring for herself and children. The wife secured writs of attachment through her attorney, Philip Poppo of No. 51 Chambers Street, which tied up the husband's business. It was in an effort to have these writs vacated that the decision was made.

## RUTH BREWSTER WEDS WITH SURF AT FEET

Editor's Daughter Becomes Romantic Bride of Duncan Dobie Jr. on Island.

How Miss Ruth Brewster, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Eugene V. Brewster, lawyer and managing editor of the Motion Picture Magazine, was secretly married more than a month ago to Duncan Dobie Jr., a prominent student at Columbia, became known to-day.

The wedding took place under romantic circumstances on a breakwater on the ocean shore of Fire Island, Saturday afternoon, July 17. Efforts to hide the news of the ceremony from both Mr. Brewster and his wife, from whom he was separated last December, failed at the last moment when the young couple were about to be married.

WEATHER—Fair to-night and Tuesday.